



WESTBOUND INTERSTATE 80 TO BE CLOSED FROM SECRET TOWN EXIT TO THE STATE ROUTE 174 JUNCTION TO COLFAX

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is alerting motorists that westbound Interstate 80 (I-80) will be closed from the Secret Town exit to the State Route 174 junction in Colfax, Thursday, October 16, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. **Two different detours will be available; one for truck traffic and the other for vehicular traffic. The #2 lane will also be closed from Secret Town to the Cape Horn under crossing between the hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Westbound truck traffic will be detoured at the State Route 20 Exit #161 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will continue west on State Route 20 to Grass Valley. From Grass Valley, truck traffic will continue south on State Route 49 to Bell Road in Auburn, and then back to I-80. The detour is approximately 68 miles in length and will add approximately 40 additional minutes of travel time.

Westbound vehicular traffic will be detoured at the Secret Town Exit #140 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will continue west on Rollins Lake Road (State Route 174) and then back to I-80 in Colfax. The detour is six miles long and will add an additional 10 minutes of travel time.

The closures are necessary so a contractor, RAH Environmental out of Sacramento, can remove debris from a previous accident that occurred on September 9. Caltrans crews will also be doing barrier work from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the I-80 closure.

The work will be occurring in an area of I-80 with steep downhill grades and very narrow shoulders. The closure is necessary so workers can do the work during daytime hours and minimize the exposure of personnel to live traffic.

The California Highway Patrol will be on hand to direct both truck and vehicular traffic at the two detours. In addition to the added detour travel time, motorists can expect 20 to 30 minute delays and are advised to use caution when traveling through the work area and detours, and to "Slow For the Cone Zone".

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